

## SIXTEEN DRAGGERS IN DAY'S LIST

FLEET LANDED AROUND 45,000  
POUNDS OF FRESH FISH  
THIS MORNING.

Sixteen of the local druggers and shore trawlers brought a total catch of 45,000 pounds of mixed fish here this morning, a supply which was welcomed by local dealers because of a shortage. Eleven of the fleet weighed out trips at the Producers' Fish Company, three at the Commercial Fish Company, and the other two at Powers & McDonald's. Gill netters had small hauls yesterday, and nearly everything was shipped.

### Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:

Boat Uncle Sam, dragging, 3000 lbs.

fresh fish.

Sch. St. John, dragging, 2000 lbs.

fresh fish.

Boat Margaret D., dragging, 2500

lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Maria Concetta, dragging,

1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Capt. Drum, dragging, 3000

lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Rose and Lucy, dragging, 3000

lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Rose Marie, dragging, 7000 lbs.

fresh fish.

Boat 915-C., trawling, 3000 lbs.

fresh fish.

Boat Antonina, dragging, 4000 lbs.

fresh fish.

Sch. Albert D. Willard, dragging,

3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat St. Peter, dragging, 2000 lbs.

fresh fish.

Boat Grace A., dragging, 3000 lbs

fresh fish.

Boat C-1139, dragging, 1900 lbs.

fresh fish.

Boat Santa Rita, trawling, 1900 lbs.

fresh fish.

Boat Angie and Vence, dragging,

2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Pauline S., dragging, 2500 lbs

fresh fish.

Sch. Carrie S. Roderick, via Bos-

ton.

### Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Boat Agnes and Myrnie, 1500 lbs.

fresh fish.

Boat Inca, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Mary A., 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Serafina II., 1000 lbs. fresh

fish.

Boat Phyllis A., 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Mary J. Landry, 1500 lbs. fresh

fish.

Boat Nashawena, 1000 lbs. fresh

fish.

Boat Liboria C., 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Alicia, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Joanna, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Edna Fae, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Virginia and Joan, 2500 lbs.

fresh fish.

Boat Ramona, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

### On the Railways.

Sch. Albert D. Willard, is on Park-

hurst's railways.

### Discharging Their Herring Cargoes.

Schs. Mary Sabena and Thomas S.

Gorton have hauled into berths at the

Gorton wharf and are discharging

their herring cargoes.

## FEW FARES ARE REPORTED TODAY

GILL NETTERS WERE ONLY AR-  
RIVAL IN PORT SINCE  
YESTERDAY.

No fresh fish arrivals were reported here this morning. There were, however, four late arrivals yesterday, two of them being trawlers and the other two druggers. The catch of all four totalled about 20,000 pounds. Gill netters landed 24,000 pounds of fresh fish yesterday afternoon.

### Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:

Sch. St. Rosalie, dragging, 12,000

lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Catherine C., dragging, 5000

lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Victoria, trawling, 2000 lbs.

fresh fish.

Boat Madona Paradiso, trawling,

500 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Evelyn G. Sears, via Boston.

Sch. Aloma, via Boston.

Sch. Babe Sears, via Boston.

### Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Boat Agnes and Myrnie, 2000 lbs.

fresh fish.

Boat Inca, 16,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Mary J. Landry, 1000 lbs.

fresh fish.

Boat Joanna, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Virginia and Joan, 2200 lbs.

fresh fish.

Boat Ramona, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.

### Sailed.

Sch. Laura Goulart, haddocking.

Sch. Carrie S. Roderick, dragging.

### On the Railways.

Sch. Pollyanna is on Burnham's

railways.

### PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

#### Arrived.

Tug Honeybrook, Jersey City, via

Boston, towing L. & W. barge No. 9.

with coal.

### N. S. Lobsters.

While the prospects in the lobster industry for 1931 are not bright, there is yet no reason for despair on the part of either fisherman or dealer.

Judged merely by price they are very discouraging, for in sympathy with other produce, and more especially in regard to other lines of canned food, everything points towards lower prices. If, however, the decline in values proves general for all commodities, then the producers of lobsters will find their cost of living reduced and the reversion to lower price levels will not prove injurious. Profits in pre-war days when prices were lower often proved proportionately better than they have been during the recent periods of high prices. The consumptive demand was brisk and that lessens the extent of those enormous fluctuations in value that have lately proved very disastrous.

The live and canning branches are at the moment similarly affected by the financial stress and for both of them the best remedy is to be found in the attainment of a standard high quality so essential for semi-luxuries, into which the lobster has established itself.

With a mutual effort towards that end between all factions in the trade, there should be no cause for any alarm regarding the business obtainable during 1931. If all interested stress quality rather than price, improved conditions reflecting upon all, will be assured.—Maritime Merchant.

## BOSTON MARKET AGAIN ADVANCES

HADDOCK TOUCHES \$9—FLEET  
OF 13 HAS 250,000  
POUNDS.

A short supply and a brisk demand brought an upward trend in prices for fresh fish on the Boston pier this morning. There were 13 vessels tied up at the dock when the opening bell rang. Fares were smaller than usual and receipts amounted only to 193,000 pounds of groundfish and 52,000 pounds of mixed fish.

Haddock opened at \$9; large cod,

\$8, and markets, \$4.50.

Another large shipment of frozen

smelts arrived by rail from Canada,

consisting of 1447 boxes.

### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:

Str. Breaker, 27,000 haddock, 5500

cod, 10,000 mixed fish.

Str. Tern, 30,000 haddock, 2000 cod,

1000 mixed fish.

Sch. Mildred Silva, 16,000 haddock,

2500 cod, 1 sturgeon, 1500 mixed fish.

Sch. Rita B., 18,000 haddock, 300

cod, 1100 mixed fish.

Sch. Mary and Julia, 8000 haddock,

2500 cod, 4000 mixed fish.

Sch. Waltham II., 22,000 haddock,

500 cod, 500 sole.

Sch. Leonora C., 16,000 haddock,

4000 mixed fish.

Sch. Funchal, 2000 haddock, 300

cod, 2300 mixed fish.

Sch. Andrew and Rosalie, 16,000

haddock, 15,000 cod, 3000 hake, 6000

cusk.

Boat St. Joseph, 2400 mixed fish.

Boat Alphonso, 5700 mixed fish.

Boat Joseph D'Ambrosio, 3000

mixed fish.

Boat Anna Guarino, 2500 mixed

fish.

Haddock, \$9 per cwt.; large cod, \$8;

market cod, \$4.50; hake, \$3 to \$4;

pollock, \$2.50; cusk, \$3; gray sole, 9

cents to 10 cents; lemon sole, 10

cents; black backs, 7 cents; yellow

tails, 4 cents; dabs, 1 cent; sharks, 4

cents; catfish, 4 cents.

### N. F. Cod Notes

The trouble in Brazil and Spain has ceased evidently, as news from both places of late has been scarce. The December boom in the foreign markets, while not as great as other years, was considerable. In Brazil, because of the revolution just when new fish was going in there was a cessation of business and no trade was done. Business relations have now been resumed, but there is no, or very, little improvement in the general situation. Brazil usually takes a large supply of small fish, and as this is short this year there is a possibility of a rise in price. A large quantity of Norwegian fish has gone in there, and as the price is low much of it has been consumed. The Oporto market, we are informed is in much better condition. This is due to the moderate quantities of large and small fish of excellent quality that has been sent there. On the whole there appears to be a shortage of large fish this year, due no doubt to the failure of the hook and line fishery. The general opinion of the foreign markets is that there is every likelihood of an improvement in conditions before long, for which no doubt all will be thankful.—Trade Review



## N. S. Dried Fish Markets

The dried fish market is always dull at the beginning of January and not much improvement is usually expected before the middle of the month. This condition of things is more true than ever this year, and worse still, there is nothing in the outlook to justify an expectation of improvement in the near future. With world production up and world consumption down, to use a Gilbertian quotation, "the policeman's lot is not a happy one."

The worries of the local exporter these days are chiefly centred on Porto Rico where, owing to the competition of Newfoundland, prices have fallen to \$4.75 per quintal for fish which cost \$5 per quintal f.o.b. Lunenburg. After deducting transportation charges this price shows a loss to the shipper of at least 75c. per quintal. Not much money in that! But it is not only in Porto Rico that the low prices of Newfoundland are being felt by our exporters. In all the other West India islands from Nassau to Demerara the same condition of things prevails. And it is not that Newfoundland wants to cut prices. Of course not. But she is driven to it by her failure to find markets elsewhere because of competition of Iceland fish, which brings us back to a matter we have often mentioned, the disturbance that Iceland created when she became a dominating factor in world supplies of dried fish. If something is not done and done very soon to curb the production of Iceland there is no telling what may happen to the world's dried fish industry generally. We are hopeful that something is going to be done, because, if reports are true, Iceland herself was the biggest loser of any of the fish producing countries last year, and it seems doubtful if her bankers will permit her to repeat this year's performance next season. It will be indeed a great pity if the various fishing countries go on for another year doing the same thing they did in 1930.

We hear that the Lunenburg fleet is to be reduced 10 per cent, or more this year; the definite figures, of course, are not yet available. Lunenburg no doubt feels a bit discouraged with the results of the past year, for not only did she have to accept ruinously low prices, but in addition her catch was short. Let us hope that 1931 will produce for her a greatly increased catch and much higher prices than last year, for a prosperous Lunenburg is an important contributor to the prosperity, not only of Nova Scotia, but of the whole of the Maritime Provinces.—Maritime Merchant.

## Portland Fishing News.

Five vessels of the local fishing fleet arrived in port yesterday with a combined catch of 37,000 pounds. Although the fares were comparatively small with Monday's receipts of 67,000 pounds, the dealers were assured of a sufficient supply of sea food. The arrivals were the Alice M. Doughty II with 13,000 pounds, Eleanor with 12,000, Richard J. Nunan with 6,000, Bernie and Bessie with 4,000 and the Annie Louise with 2,000 pounds.

## N. S. Pickled Fish.

The export demand for spring mackerel is reported an average. Stocks are ample for requirements. In the past two weeks nearly 3,000 barrels have come to the market from the eastern outports and further quantities are still to come. Prices remain unchanged at \$7.50 to \$7.75 ex boat.

This has been a very mean season for the summer and fall mackerel taken at the Magdalen Islands. These fish are being offered at a very low price, but there is practically no demand. Very few fish are changing hands. Several lots are stored in Halifax and Boston. The trade hopes for an improvement in the market. Sales of bloater mackerel are also dragging, although stocks are very light.

Alewives are reported a little easier owing to a light demand. Present prices are \$4.75 to \$5 ex boat.

No. 1 July grocery herring are a little neglected at present, which is usual at this time of year. Prices are steady at \$8 ex store.

Herring of export quality are moving fairly satisfactorily. Stocks are not heavy. The last price reported was \$5.25 ex vessel.—Maritime Merchant.

# SEVENTEEN AT BOSTON TODAY

RECEIPTS TOTAL 475,000 POUNDS  
—MARKET OFF SOME FROM YESTERDAY.

Seventeen craft made up the fleet arriving at the Boston fish pier this morning. Some catches were a little better and total receipts were larger. Prices were off some from yesterday's peak. Total receipts were 430,000 pounds of groundfish and 45,000 pounds of mixed fish. Haddock sold at \$6 to \$7; large cod, \$5 to \$6.50, and markets, \$3 to \$4.

Two more large lots of frozen smelts from Canada were received yesterday. One shipment, from New Mills, N. B., comprised 2187 boxes, the other coming from Bathurst and amounting to 1741 boxes. The smelts are shipped in three grades, extra, No. 1 and No. 2.

## Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:

Str. Newton, 46,000 haddock, 6500 cod, 5000 mixed fish.

Str. Fabia, 48,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 6900 mixed fish.

Boat Exeter, 19,000 haddock, 1200 cod, 2800 mixed fish.

Sch. Raymonde, 8000 haddock, 800 mixed fish.

Sch. Beauty St. Joseph, 10,000 haddock, 3000 mixed fish.

Boat Gertrude L. Parker, 33,000 haddock, 7000 mixed fish.

Boat Maris Stella, 24,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1800 mixed fish.

Sch. L. A. Dunton, 32,000 haddock, 24,000 cod, 9000 hake, 8000 cusk.

Sch. Rhodora, 38,000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Gossoon, 22,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 5500 hake, 3500 cusk.

Boat Leretha, 16,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 sole.

Boat Geraldine and Phyllis, 20,000 haddock, 4000 mixed fish.

Boat Olympia, 4000 haddock, 2500 cod, 3000 mixed fish.

Boat North Star, 100 haddock, 600 cod, 1200 mixed fish.

Boat Two Pals, 1700 haddock, 1100 cod, 3500 mixed fish.

Boat Automatic, 3000 haddock, 700 mixed fish.

Boat Princess, 2300 haddock, 1200 cod, 4100 mixed fish.

Haddock, \$6 to \$7 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$6.50; market cod, \$3 to \$4; hake, \$2 to \$2.50; pollock, \$2 to \$3; cusk, \$2 to \$2.50; gray sole, 6 cents per pound; lemon sole, 10 cents; black backs, 7 cents; yellow tails, 4 cents; dabs, 1 cent; shark, 6 cents; spawn, 12 cents; catfish, 4 cents.

## MISSING PORTLAND

### MEN ARE SAFE

Captain Joseph C. Harmon of Rockland, Me., and Cecil Hall of Stonington, Me., believed lost at sea during a storm that wrecked Capt. Harmon's auxiliary schooner, arrived at Jonesport, Me., yesterday from Peat Manan Lighthouse, where they had found safety during the gale.

# SCH. MAGELLAN ONLY ARRIVAL

LANDED SMALL FARE OF FRESH FISH AT FORT THIS MORNING.

The only fresh fish fare received today was from the shore fishing schooner Magellan which came in curing the forenoon and took out 7000 pounds at the Cape Ann Cold Storage Company at the Fort. Sixteen gill netters lifted yesterday and brought in 34,000 pounds of fish. No other receipts of any kind have been reported since yesterday.

## Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail:

Sch. Magellan, shore, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Alpar, via Boston.

## Yesterday's Gill Net Receipts.

Boat Enterprise, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Agnes and Myrnie, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Inca, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Mary A., 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Serafina II., 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Phyllis A., 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Mary J. Landry, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Nashawena, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Liboria C., 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Alicia, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Joanna, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Edna Fae, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Lucretia, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Elizabeth and James, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Virginia and Joan, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Boat Ramona, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

## Sailed

Sch. Ruth and Margaret, dragging.

Sch. Evelyn G. Sears, shore.

Sch. Babe Sears, dragging.

Sch. Aloma, shore.

Boat Col. Lindbergh, dragging.